

gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), minority leader of the United States House, yesterday?

Answer: Raising campaign funds on the West Coast.

But I thought he wanted to reform campaigns. Oh, but not necessarily so. And besides, we all know, Mr. Speaker, that for that crowd to talk about campaign finance reform is a bit akin to having Bonnie and Clyde come out for tougher penalties against bank robbery.

But at any rate, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) was away.

How can we get our work done? He should have a seat at the table, and he should join with us to save one penny on the dollar for every dollar of discretionary spending, so that the government can live within its means and quit the raid and continue to cease the raid on the Social Security Trust Fund.

Mr. Speaker, I would invite the minority leader to come back to town and go to work and join with us and realize that a penny saved is retirement security.

#### PARTIES TO THE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS ARE AWOL

(Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I find it disappointing. As we try to bring this budget to conclusion, as we try to finalize the negotiations, we have major people that are a part of this process that are AWOL. They are absent.

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How does the Speaker of the House who has to negotiate with the President stay up late at night every night so he can call the President in Turkey? Is that the way to negotiate?

In Pennsylvania where I come from, if the governor or if his cabinet left town during those final negotiations, the press would have been all over them. Why is it possible for the President, the minority leader, who was away yesterday who is the one who is opposing any kind of trimming of waste or fraud, he is the one who is holding out, but he is not available to negotiate yesterday? That is why this process has run on. The President is just finishing his second trip abroad since October 1, and this is when we have been trying to finalize the budget.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, it is important for those who are a part of this negotiating process to stay in town, get the work of the American people done, so we can pass the budget that does not rob Social Security.

#### CONGRESS HAS MORE TIME THAN TAXPAYERS HAVE MONEY

(Mr. THUNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, it is November 17, and we are still here for one reason, and that is that we have got more time than the American taxpayers have money.

This Congress has passed all 13 appropriation bills. The President has chosen to veto 5 of those bills. Why did he veto them? Because they did not spend enough money. So we are still here negotiating with all the President's men since he is traveling abroad.

The minority leader is traveling in California raising campaign cash. We are still here until the President agrees with us on a budget that does not raid Social Security, does not raise taxes, and rids the budget of waste, fraud, and abuse.

We will stay here as long as it takes until the President gets back and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) gets back from his California dreaming.

#### FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 381, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 381

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 80) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), my friend, the distinguished ranking member; pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration for this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate on this subject only.

Mr. Speaker, H.Res. 381 is a closed rule waiving all points of order against consideration of H.J. Res. 80, the continuing resolution that we have before us later today. The rule provides for 1 hour of debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, Members will know that this is an appropriate and traditional rule for a consideration of a clean continuing resolution. Members who have any kind of memory at all will remember that we have done these kinds of things recently in the past.

Given the complex negotiations that have been under way about the budget, and they have, indeed, been complicated by the fact that some of the principals are out of town for whatever reason, it is regrettable that, at a time that we are struggling so hard, that the President finds it necessary to be out of the country, and the minority leader finds it necessary to be out of the capital.

But, nevertheless, Americans come to understand that continuing resolutions, which keep the government functioning at last year's levels, are a necessary tool to facilitate bringing closure to the budget debate which we normally have this time of year.

In order to avoid a partial government shutdown, which we certainly want to do, we have proposed another straightforward extension in the deadline, and that is until tomorrow. We have made significant progress toward final agreement, but we must be certain that we do the right thing, not simply the most expedient to get out of town because the folks would like to go home.

In this case, the right thing is very clearly to provide for important government programs without touching the reserves in the Social Security Trust Fund, not one dime. That has been the goal of our majority from the outset of this year's budget process; and while it has taken some time to convince some of our friends on the other side of the aisle and downtown that this fiscal discipline is, indeed, necessary, we now have everyone working from the same set of guidelines. We just have to keep reminding them of the guidelines.

It has also taken some time to convince the White House that increasing taxes and using part of the surplus, as has been suggested by the White House, are not acceptable approaches to the majority on the Hill.

I am hopeful that this brief extension will provide both ends of Pennsylvania with the requisite time to hammer out our final spending bills in a responsible way. In fact, I understand that the bills individually, the five that have been vetoed by the President, are virtually resolved.

It is a no-nonsense CR that we are proposing here. I think it should be unanimously adopted. I am certainly urging a yes vote on the rule. I am not sure why we are having a rule instead of a unanimous consent; but for whatever reason, we are having a rule vote. I can think of no reason to vote against it. I urge a yes vote.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank the slender gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS), my good friend, for yielding me the customary half hour.

Mr. Speaker, the end is finally in sight. Forty-eight hours after the start of the fiscal year, it looks as if the appropriation process is just about over.

This continuing resolution will extend our Federal funding until tomorrow, which should be all the time that we need.

My Republican colleagues sent President Clinton eight appropriation bills that he signed into law. The other five bills have been rolled into one omnibus bill, which should be finished sometime today. Once that bill is signed, Mr. Speaker, we no longer have to worry about the possibility of the Federal Government closing down, and Congress can get started on the next appropriation cycle.

Mr. Speaker, the appropriators and the administrators have been working very hard to resolve a lot of outstanding issues, and I wish them well in their final negotiations. I urge my colleagues to support this continuing resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we on the Committee on Rules are on virtually perpetual standby these days, and I would like to point out that there is a little confusion among Members this morning about whether it is a 1-day CR or a 2-day CR. Apparently there were some documents put out through the various organizations on either side that indicated that one of the options was a 2-day CR. This is not that CR. This is a 1-day CR. I want Members to be aware of that.

Of course Members of the Committee on Rules, as I say, are definitely aware of it and prepared for yet another evening of comrade fellowship and good times in the Committee on Rules, doing valuable things, waiting for some inspiration to come forward to us.

There is very definitely some feeling about trying to wrap this up, but I want to assure Members that the Committee on Rules is working toward that end. We will recognize the longer we stay here, the more opportunity there is for new initiatives to come forward at the last minute and divert us from our main task, which is to resolve the budget crunch.

We are also aware that the longer we are here, the more good ideas people have for spending money at a time when we have already reached agreement on what those levels should be.

So it is our very firm hope that this 24-hour CR will be enough. But if not, I think I am authorized to say by the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), chairman of the Committee on Rules, that the Committee on Rules will be prepared to meet, if necessary, again.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of our time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 381, I

call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 80) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 80 is as follows:

#### H.J. RES. 80

*Resolved by the Senate and House Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Public Law 106-62 is further amended by striking "November 17, 1999" in section 106(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "November 18, 1999". Public Law 106-46 is amended by striking "November 17, 1999" and inserting in lieu thereof "November 18, 1999".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 381, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.J. Res. 80, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, this a 1-day continuing resolution, which I do not think is going to be adequate because the negotiations on wrapping up our appropriations work are still somewhat delayed, although the Speaker of the House and the President did speak with each other late last night, and we are hopeful that we can come to a conclusion.

The appropriations part of this negotiation has been completed for some time. The offsets, the pay-fors, are what are holding up the negotiations. We expect to have that completed today. We expect to file the bill in the House today, and we expect to consider the bill in the House today; and, hopefully, the other body will be able to expedite it as well.

So maybe the 1-day extension may be enough, but probably not. But nevertheless, this is what we have before us today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I notice we have flights going overseas all the time, and I know this will have to be flown to the President. I cannot imagine, from what the gentleman said, and what I have heard, that this negotiation is going to finish today.

It is hard to argue with a 1-day extension. We have had a couple other ex-

tensions. But I keep worrying that, as we mislead Members to think we are going to be finished, why we just would not pass a little longer CR. We complain about people not being around, and we seem to be able to get along without them, whoever it is that is not available to us. Of course, I know the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) does not do that. I know that he understands how the system works and as I do, too.

As a matter of fact, they suggested to me that we should ask for a vote. I am not sure I even know the procedure of how to ask for a vote because it has been so long since I have asked for a vote.

But having said that, I know that we have to get our business done. I am hopeful negotiations will end today. I am not as optimistic as the chairman is. But I know that sometime this week or next week or Thanksgiving or Christmas time we will be done.

As past history shows, sometimes we have delicate negotiations. I hope it is not an across-the-board cut. I worry so much. Because even the four-tenths of 1 percent cut would mean we would cut \$500 million out of O&M. With the two units that are C4, I realize there is not a big threat out there to the Army right now, but it worries me that we are doing this kind of work when, as the chairman suggested in the first place, if we had passed an adequate budget resolution, we would have been all through with this thing early in the year. We would not have had to resort to the kind of gimmicks that have been so distasteful to those of us on the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of the time.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) that, if he and I had been able to resolve this issue as we have been able to deal with the defense issues for many years, we would have concluded our business a long time ago.

I would like to say this, that the Committee on Appropriations in the House has done a good job. We basically completed our part of the business in July. Then we had the negotiations with our counterparts in the Senate. I would like to compliment our counterparts in the Senate. Senator STEVENS is a dynamic leader, a tough negotiator, and very knowledgeable. He does a really good job. And of course his partner there, Senator BYRD, is also very determined in what it is that he seeks to do.

But the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) and I have always been able to get things resolved early on. We have not been able to do that on the wrap up appropriations work. But we are close to that conclusion now. I will say again the appropriators have done a good job. The appropriations part of this package is complete. The agreement will have some extraneous

material, some riders, and the offsets that are holding us up. But, we do plan to file that bill today.

I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) for his comments.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). All time for debate has expired.

The joint resolution is considered as having been read for amendment.

Pursuant to House Resolution 381, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 403, nays 8, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 596]

YEAS—403

Aderholt	Camp	Ehrlich
Allen	Campbell	Emerson
Andrews	Canady	English
Archer	Cannon	Eshoo
Armey	Capps	Etheridge
Bachus	Capuano	Evans
Baird	Cardin	Everett
Baker	Carson	Ewing
Baldacci	Castle	Farr
Baldwin	Chabot	Fattah
Ballenger	Chambliss	Filner
Barcia	Clayton	Fletcher
Barr	Clement	Foley
Barrett (NE)	Clyburn	Ford
Barrett (WI)	Coble	Fossella
Bartlett	Coburn	Fowler
Barton	Collins	Frank (MA)
Bass	Combest	Franks (NJ)
Bateman	Condit	Frelinghuysen
Becerra	Cook	Frost
Bentsen	Cooksey	Gallegly
Bereuter	Costello	Ganske
Berkley	Cox	Gejdenson
Berman	Coyne	Gekas
Berry	Cramer	Gephardt
Biggert	Crane	Gibbons
Bilbray	Crowley	Gilchrest
Bilirakis	Cubin	Gillmor
Bishop	Cummings	Gilman
Blagojevich	Cunningham	Gonzalez
Bliley	Danner	Goode
Blumenauer	Davis (FL)	Goodlatte
Blunt	Davis (IL)	Goodling
Boehlert	Davis (VA)	Gordon
Boehner	DeFazio	Goss
Bonilla	DeGette	Graham
Bonior	Delahunt	Granger
Bono	DeLauro	Green (TX)
Borski	DeLay	Green (WI)
Boswell	DeMint	Greenwood
Boucher	Deutscher	Gutierrez
Boyd	Dickey	Gutknecht
Brady (PA)	Dicks	Hall (OH)
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Hall (TX)
Brown (FL)	Doggett	Hansen
Brown (OH)	Dooley	Hastert
Bryant	Doolittle	Hastings (FL)
Burr	Doyle	Hastings (WA)
Burton	Dreier	Hayes
Buyer	Duncan	Hayworth
Callahan	Edwards	Hefley
Calvert	Ehlers	Herger

Hill (IN)	McInnis	Sandlin
Hill (MT)	McIntosh	Sanford
Hilleary	McIntyre	Sawyer
Hilliard	McKeon	Saxton
Hinchey	McNulty	Schaffer
Hinojosa	Meek (FL)	Schakowsky
Hobson	Meeks (NY)	Scott
Hoeffel	Menendez	Sensenbrenner
Hoekstra	Metcalfe	Serrano
Holden	Mica	Sessions
Holt	Millender-McDonald	Shays
Hooley	Miller (FL)	Sherman
Horn	Miller, Gary	Sherwood
Hostettler	Miller, George	Shimkus
Houghton	Minge	Shows
Hoyer	Mink	Shuster
Hulshof	Moakley	Simpson
Hunter	Mollohan	Sisisky
Hutchinson	Moore	Skeen
Hyde	Moran (KS)	Skelton
Inslee	Moran (VA)	Slaughter
Isakson	Morella	Smith (MI)
Istook	Murtha	Smith (NJ)
Jackson (IL)	Myrick	Smith (TX)
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Nadler	Smith (WA)
Jenkins	Napolitano	Snyder
John	Neal	Souder
Johnson (CT)	Nethercutt	Spratt
Johnson, E. B.	Ney	Stabenow
Jones (NC)	Northup	Stark
Jones (OH)	Nussle	Stearns
Kanjorski	Oberstar	Stenholm
Kaptur	Obey	Strickland
Kasich	Olver	Stump
Kelly	Ortiz	Stupak
Kennedy	Ose	Sununu
Kildee	Owens	Sweeney
Kilpatrick	Oxley	Talent
Kind (WI)	Packard	Tancredo
King (NY)	Pallone	Tanner
Kingston	Pascarell	Tauscher
Klecza	Pastor	Tauzin
Klink	Payne	Taylor (MS)
Knollenberg	Pease	Taylor (NC)
Kolbe	Pelosi	Terry
Kucinich	Peterson (MN)	Thomas
Kuykendall	Peterson (PA)	Thompson (CA)
LaFalce	Petri	Thompson (MS)
LaHood	Phelps	Thornberry
Lantos	Pickering	Thune
Larson	Pitts	Thurman
Latham	Pombo	Tiahrt
LaTourette	Pomeroy	Tierney
Lazio	Porter	Toomey
Leach	Portman	Trafigant
Lee	Price (NC)	Turner
Levin	Pryce (OH)	Udall (CO)
Lewis (CA)	Quinn	Udall (NM)
Lewis (GA)	Radanovich	Upton
Lewis (KY)	Rahall	Velazquez
Linder	Ramstad	Vento
Lipinski	Rangel	Visclosky
LoBiondo	Regula	Vitter
Lofgren	Reyes	Walden
Lowey	Reynolds	Walsh
Lucas (KY)	Riley	Wamp
Lucas (OK)	Rivers	Waters
Luther	Rodriguez	Watt (NC)
Maloney (CT)	Roemer	Watts (OK)
Maloney (NY)	Rogan	Weiner
Manzullo	Rogers	Weldon (FL)
Markey	Rohrabacher	Weldon (PA)
Martinez	Ros-Lehtinen	Weller
Mascara	Roukema	Wexler
Matsui	Roybal-Allard	Weygand
McCarthy (MO)	Royce	Whitfield
McCarthy (NY)	Rush	Wicker
McCollum	Ryan (WI)	Wilson
McCrery	Ryun (KS)	Wolf
McDermott	Sabo	Woolsey
McGovern	Sanchez	Wu
McHugh	Sanders	Wynn
		Young (FL)

NAYS—8

Chenoweth-Hage
Deal
Forbes

Paul
Salmon
Shadegg

Shaw
Watkins

NOT VOTING—23

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Clay
Conyers
Diaz-Balart
Dixon
Dunn
Engel

Jefferson
Johnson, Sam
Lampson
Largent
McKinney
Meehan
Norwood
Pickett

Rothman
Scarborough
Spence
Towns
Waxman
Wise
Young (AK)

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Mr. LUTHER changed his voted from "nay" to "yea."

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote number 596, that was the temporary continuing resolution, my vote was recorded incorrectly. I was present on the floor and I did vote "yes," and as a matter of fact I checked the board to double-check to see that I was recorded and saw the green light next to my name. It has been brought to my attention that my vote was incorrectly recorded as voting "no."

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, earlier today when the House voted on House Joint Resolution 80, to extend the continuing resolution for 24 hours, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

#### HOLDING COURT IN NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1418) to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi, in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1418

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. HOLDING OF COURT AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI.

Section 104(b)(3) of title 28, United States Code, is amended in the second sentence by striking all beginning with the colon through "United States".

#### SEC. 2. HOLDING OF COURT AT WHEATON, ILLINOIS.

Section 93(a)(1) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding after Chicago "and Wheaton".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. WEINER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may